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Threat of Subversion Bigger Than Ever, Needs Watching

WHEN the Marines were deciding how to try former prisoner-of-war Garwood, I noted that this country has never tried those Americans who went to Hanoi openly while our people were held in Hanoi's prisons, defying our laws and mocking the fact that this country was then at war with North Vietnam.

Among those who regularly visited Hanoi and then misrepresented the situation to Americans was Cora Weiss, financed by her father's tax-exempt Samuel Ruben Foundation (Faberge toiletries).

Cora Weiss is currently active in the Cuban government's Center for Cuban Studies in New York. It is a logical follow-up for her work on behalf of the Hanoi regime.

Samuel Ruben died a year or so ago, but his legacy lives. The Ruben Foundation gave a "research" group called The Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) \$1 million a year from 1971 through 1976, and since has granted it \$500,000 a year. IPS is concerned strongly with information it can get from employees of defense and intelligence agencies or contractors.

It has a Counter Information Service which specializes in "anti-reports" on major U.S. and international business firms. One has only to listen for a few minutes to any radio phone-in talk show to realize that many people believe these reports are gospel truth.

In fact, like many purposeful propaganda efforts, they start with facts and then interpret them with invented motives and "explanations" which have a semi-logical sound to the uninformed. What they produce is public distrust of the business firms which supply our goods and services at the world's lowest costs, and growing hatred of successful business people.

IPS is only one of a number of well-financed groups which have won public funding through grants and generous donations from the businesses they are trying to destroy.

Most compete successfully for government grants as well. For example, IPS has joined the American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for National Security Studies (CNSS) in efforts to destroy the effectiveness of the FBI and the CIA. There is no doubt that government funds have financed some of the so-called research involved.

The CNSS is a project of the Fund for Peace, which lists on its letterhead such luminaries as Stuart

Mott, the General Motors heir, and Peter Weiss, who happens to be Cora's son. My recent mail has contained fund-raising appeals from the Fund for Peace, but after a look at that list I was not tempted.

These negative-charge organizations have interlocking boards of directors. Marcus Raskin, as one example, is one of the co-directors of the IPS and an advisory board member for the outfit which published Counterspy magazine. That is the magazine which specialized in printing the names of alleged CIA operatives, and undoubtedly cost some Americans their lives. Morton Halperin appears on a number of such boards.

Robert Borosage, a trustee for IPS, headed the CNSS and led the effort to pass restrictive legislation which would render the CIA and FBI toothless. One of the favorite "causes" for all the groups in this loose-knit but coordinated network is to prove that former Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier was murdered in Washington by "anti-freedom" forces. Yet the documents in his briefcase when that bomb exploded showed clearly he was an influential agent for Fidel Castro at the time.

It has been around 30 years since the McCarthy hearings. Sen. McCarthy was careless with facts, and while one result was temporary eclipse for some Marxist millionaires and writers, the main result was to discredit the anti-communist spokesmen for some very good and useful organizations.

Today, subversion is a much greater threat than it was then. Unless we learn to keep an eye on its authors, without accusing each other of something called McCarthyism, it will again achieve the kind of success it knew during the Vietnam War.

We might start with all those who cry "peace" but work with the brutal Marxist empires. Theirs would be the peace of compliance.